

July Meeting Details

OBJECTIVES:

1. Help us, and each other, understand what needs to change (or not change) in current management direction by focusing on different geographic areas on the Forest;
2. Help us further refine what we need to concentrate on in the revision process. We know the big issue topics but this will give us a more on-the-ground basis for future issue discussions.

WORKSHOP FORMAT:

We will gather in small groups around maps of various geographic locations (primarily of the District nearest the workshop location but other District maps will be available as well). We will see what the current Plan management direction is and talk about what, where, and how you might like to see the land managed in different ways. Along with the ecological capabilities of the land, we will incorporate social and economic values in determining the best mix of management strategies for sustaining your National Forest for generations to come.

OUTCOMES: the results of these workshops will help us apply your ideas and concerns to the development of the following five major Plan components.

1. *DESIRED CONDITIONS* – descriptions of ecological, economic and social attributes that characterize the desired outcome of land management; aspirational in nature; establish the purposes for management.
2. *OBJECTIVES* – measurable, time-specific actions or outcomes intended to maintain or achieve Desired Conditions – the what, when, how, and sometimes where.
3. *GUIDELINES* – parameters for developing and implementing site-specific projects and activity decision-making to help achieve Desired Conditions and Objectives.
4. *SUITABILITY OF AREAS* – Identification of areas as generally suitable for uses that are compatible with the Desired Conditions and Objectives for that area. Uses of specific areas are approved through project and activity decision-making.
5. *SPECIAL AREAS* – areas that can have their own unique Desired Conditions, Objectives, Guidelines and Suitable Uses based on their special characteristics. These areas can be designated by statute or by the Responsible Official in approving of a plan.